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YEN BAI AIRFIELD

THE SR-71, OPERATING AT 80,000 FEET, IS PROVIDING EFFECTIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF NORTH VIETNAM. WEATHER PERMITTING, APPROXIMATELY 12% OF NORTH VIETNAM CAN BE OBSERVED ON A SINGLE MISSION.

THIS PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS A NEW AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT YEN BAI. THE INITIAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION WAS FIRST OBSERVED ON U-2 PHOTOGRAPHY OF DECEMBER 1965. UPON COMPLETION THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE MAJOR AIRFIELDS IN NORTH VIETNAM. NO AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN OBSERVED AT THIS AIRFIELD.

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